

THE CORN CROP OF KANSAS.

Tall Stalks and Big Ears—A Value of \$100,000,000.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PEKA, KAN., Aug. 17.—The big corn crop is beginning to tell upon the season in Kansas, although the season will not open for sixty days. A quickening is felt in all parts of the state. Farmers are disposing of some of the profits. Lumbermen are laying in great stocks of lumber. At the great stations of the railroad there will be sold this season the estimate is, 1,000 carloads of lumber with which to construct cribs. The amount of crib lumber which the State will require is beyond calculation.

The crib building is a gratifying feature of the big crop year. It indicates better than words that the Kansas farmer is master of the situation. Good years have put him where he is able to hold over a considerable portion of his crop until he can get the next year's crop. A well-constructed crib in Kansas climate will keep corn in condition ten years, eleven men say. A crib of corn is as good as a bank account. In these times, with money almost a drug in the market, many farmers will deposit their surplus of corn in the crib and let it lie there until next year, and even longer, unless prices tempt.

The effect in the anticipation is seen in the rush of old corn to market. There are fore-hand farmers and there are Kansas, who store up corn for a failure. They long ago read the story of Joseph in Egypt and applied it to their own business. They are the record of Kansas for a third century, showing the fluctuations of prices by periods of years. In the seasons they fill the cribs and wait to guess the top notch. Sometimes they hit it; sometimes they miss. About ten days ago it became known to the most sceptical Thomas of Kansas that the banner corn crop of the year, a yield that would go beyond the high water mark of 1894. Now the corn savers are emptying their cribs. The steam shellers are whirling at all of the principal stations. Hindsight makes some men win a little. Repeatedly they sell at 30 cents are recalled the men who are now letting go at 22 cents. But as some of them this corn by at ten cents a bushel are only cutting in half the profit has been possible. One station selling go of 250,000 bushels of this corn. At another station 300,000 bushels has been marketed in a week. The "forks of the Blue" is one of the fore-hand farmers who had a crib full of fine corn. The local agents got after him and bid closer to his figure. Finally one of them offered the farmer's price. Disagreement only was as to whether it should be so much a bushel as the farmer asked or the bushel at the elevator as the farmer offered. There was no sale. Subsequently that farmer hauled to and sold to the elevator men for only one half of the price upon which they had once agreed. Within limits the corn crop is an interesting "gameable."

Corn is the universal topic in Kansas these days. Corn starts the conversation on the cars. Corn stalks stacked up at the station doors to the travelers what that particular city has done. In the office of the Globe is a collection of stalks and their butts on the floor. When Mr. Howe stands on tiptoe he can reach the ears with the tips of his fingers. Nothing less than four feet is considered worthy of it. Out at Downs, half way across the State, the station agent has on exhibition stalks which tower above the depot roof. They measure twenty feet and four inches. A local has been inspired to the following:

Kansas chinoh bugs never die, each season they appear, corn stalks 22 feet high we knocked them out this year, bugs may come—they come in vain, I'll live when they have flown; Kansas bus her share of rain and she will hold her own.

One of the new crop is sufficiently good to justify weighing. One to illustrate the quality, is a big eight ears which tip the scale at two pounds each. Thirty-five ears would weigh a bushel. In many years such corn from which ears will weigh out a bushel is not good enough for Kansas. From a variety of points of view the new crop affords satisfaction. The cattle feeder of White Springs, came into the Court House at Hill Grove one day this week and told you, boys, this corn crop is a lot of difference in driving where the roads are not fenced. He leaves the road now and goes to run into the corn the ears across the road so big and heavy that they make headway.

rence, has very large milling interests, perhaps the largest of any individual owner in the State.

"We shall grind four times as much corn meal this year as we did last," he said. "The consumption will be increased by this large crop. Wheat will be higher, in my opinion, than it has been in several years, except for the period when Leiter's operations advanced it. The price of wheat affects flour. I have observed that whenever flour goes up the use of corn meal increases largely."

"Does this great crop mean lower prices for corn?" Mr. Bowersock was asked.

"No," he said, "I don't think so. We shall not see ten-cent corn this year, and I don't believe we shall ever have it again in Kansas. There is a close relation between prices of wheat and corn. The former will tend to hold the latter up. That is always true. But, more than that, our farmers are no longer obliged to rush the corn on the market. They can hold over a large part of the yield, and my belief is they will."

An investigation made in one of the northern central counties of the State shows four out of five farmers abundantly able to carry half of their corn to another year without borrowing a dollar.

Mr. Bowersock and other public men of Kansas agree that the benefits of the 300,000,000 bushels of corn will be more widely distributed, and that a greater proportion of the profits will remain in first hands than would be the case with any other source of agricultural wealth. The finest wheat crops of 1897 and 1898 made the growers in this State independent, but wheat is raised by only a minority of Kansas farmers. The advance in cattle and hogs of the past three years has put many millions into the pockets of the stock men, who constitute another minority. Now comes this unprecedented corn crop, and it seems as if every farmer in the State has some of it. Not only that, but commercial men on the road, lawyers in towns, the merchants and business men generally who own ground from an acre up are telling of the height of stalks and size of ears in their particular patches. B. F. Smith, the pioneer horticulturist of Douglas County, counts this as one of the most discouraging berry seasons he ever knew. But he put in corn wherever he had a vacant acre, "just to keep the ground clean," and says he will make up as a farmer some of the profits lost as a fruit grower.

Not only has every farmer in Kansas "great corn" this year, but, perhaps, the proportion which will have to share profits with landlords is smaller than in any of the other States. Inquiries made in several counties the past week showed that less than 5 per cent of the cultivated land is owned by non-residents. This line of investigation was pursued in a dozen counties, with reference especially to the farms on which the principal crop is corn. It was demonstrated that most of these farms are from eighty to one hundred and sixty acres, and are owned by the men who occupy them. Here and there is a man who owns three hundred and twenty or six hundred and forty acres and who rents corn land to the man who prefers to move often and pay no taxes rather than become a landholder, though he must put two-fifths of the crop he makes into a landlord's crib.

A peculiar kind of hook, which is about the only improvement over the old-fashioned peg. They reach for the ear and as they wrench it off they give it a turn with this hook and, stripped of the husk, it goes flying into the wagon. They make just one lick of the picking and husking. Then, besides, the horses are well trained. They never stop, but keep moving right along the row as fast as the man can pick, until they come to the end. The rows are longer than they were in the older States. A farmer picks right on from a quarter to a half mile without turning. That helps in making up the big showing at the end of the day.

Frank M. Baker, the elevator man, of Atchison, came from Jacksonville, Ill., in the heart of what made that commonwealth the corn State of the Union, two generations ago. He has been twenty years in Kansas.

"The farmers here," he said, "ship out more corn in proportion to their numbers than they did out of the corn counties of Illinois, as I remember. They produce more than the same number did on a like amount of land in Central Illinois. It is the same with wheat."

"Much of this Kansas corn which finds its way to market," continued Mr. Baker, "will be exported. It will go out of the country by New York and New Orleans. Our exports of corn are growing heavier every year. If there is any decline in prices by reason of the unprecedented crop the effect will be to greatly stimulate exporting. This corn crop of Kansas will be two or three years getting to market."

Feeding cuts a notable figure in the calculation of the profits which will accrue to Kansas from the 300,000,000 bushels and more of corn. A traveling man made this rather startling statement a couple of days ago to group gathered in a hotel office:

"The value of the corn crop of Kansas will be more than that of all the gold and silver mined in the United States this year."

And then he proved the assertion. The lowest estimate put upon the crop is the one just stated. From that the figures range to 400,000,000 bushels. But the traveling man worked on the minimum basis. When the farmers came to Kingman, the Delavan merchant, one day this week and asked him what he would contract to give them for their corn he said promptly he was ready to enter into agreements to take it at 15 cents a bushel. Congressman Bowersock, whose milling connections make his opinion as to prices valuable, says some corn may be sold by farmers at 15 cents, but he doubts if much will. He thinks the great bulk will bring more. Frank M. Baker, of the Greenleaf & Baker Company, which will handle millions of bushels of the crop, makes 17 cents the minimum price, with probabilities that not a great deal will be sold as low as that. At 15 cents and 300,000,000 bushels the value of this corn crop to Kansas is \$45,000,000. But that is far below the actual amount that will be realized. Half of the crop for the State at large, probably more, will be fed to cattle and hogs. A bushel of corn at 15 cents is usually worth 30 cents when manufactured into meat on the farm. Then a considerable fraction of the crop, perhaps one-third, will go into cribs and stay there until prices advance next year, or even the year after. The traveling man figured out a value of about \$100,000,000 in the corn crop of Kansas for this year, and his result was not disputed.

In The Police Court—Tried and Judged in its Favor.

Some time ago Judge Andy E. Cullum, judge of the police court of Atlanta, had occasion to pass a sentence that was gratifying to him, and if people will take his advice much suffering will be alleviated. The judge is subject to nervous sicknesses and dyspepsia. Here is his sentence: "I am a great sufferer from nervous sick headache and have found no remedy so effective as Tyler's Dyspepsia Remedy. If taken when the headache first begins it invariably cures."

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The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that State, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by Hill-Or Drug Co.

The Credit Man's Costly Error.

Sometimes a credit man goes all wrong—but not often. A country merchant came up from Indiana with a written list of the things he wanted. He said he was new to the business, but he meant to have a partner who was wise. After he had picked out goods amounting to \$3,000 he was introduced to the credit man, and he looked so uncouth and inefficient that the credit man wondered how good clerks had been wasting their time on him.

"What terms do you want, Mr. —?" He stopped, and the visitor supplied the name.

"Well, down in our country we always pay after harvest."

"But harvest is past. You don't mean next harvest—in 1900—do you?"

"Well, that's when my people will pay me."

"Oh, we couldn't do that. Ninety days is the very best I could give you."

And even at that he wanted to know a great many things about his visitor's prospects.

"How much if I pay all in 60 days?"

The credit man quoted the terms.

"How much in 30?"

A discount was mentioned.

"How much for cash?"

"Spot cash? Money down?"

"Yes—currency."

It was a wild question. The credit man knew he had no chance to get \$3,000 out of that man, and he quoted a beautiful discount.

"Well, receipt the bill," was the countryman's rejoinder. And out from the folds of a \$3 suit of clothes he dragged money enough to buy a yacht and run it all summer.

He didn't put on much style, but he "figured" he saved the expenses of his Chicago trip.—Chicago Evening Post.

—Marriage is considered good form, yet it is often ruded.

—Chance gives us relations, but we must make our own friends.

—About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Gilmer Co., W. Va. For sale by Hill-Or Drug Co.

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